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## Loughlin Celebrates Yuletide

### Benilde Club Conducts Annual Drives To Assist Needy

Under the direction of Brother B. Stephen, the Benilde Club initiated its annual stamp and food drives. Each year, along with the commencement of the Christmas Season, the club conducts these drives for the support of various missionary activities.

Since the beginning of December, members of the Benilde Club collected canned goods, cigarettes, and other non-perishable items at the school entrances. Stamp collection also began early in December with students depositing the stamps in special boxes located on each floor.

Under the direction of its president, Philip Ryan, and moderator, Brother Stephen, the club undertook a clothing drive for the poor and needy of this neighborhood. Old clothes were collected for ten days in the end of November and these were brought to Queen of All Saints for distribution.

Besides these drives, the Benilde Club sponsors a Christmas Raffle in order to keep up its treasury because the club receives no money from the General Organization as do other school activities. Also, the club sells **Tablets** to the student body every Friday.

### A Christmas Message

*As we approach the mysterious feast of the Birthday of Christ and we take time to reflect on its meaning, its significance for us, we must conclude that life is not so drab as it could have been. Imagine our lot without Christ's coming to open the gates of Paradise! It would be a meaningless life followed by death and eternal darkness. That would have been our existence and our final end.*

*But Christ in coming changed all this to an existence of hope and great expectancy. Life is now something. It is worth living. It is not a constant useless grind, a crushing cross, a dreary drudgery. It is a passage, only a journey, from now to eternal happiness. "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, nor has it entered into the heart of man to conceive what great things God has prepared for those who love Him."*

*To see Christ, His mission, His love for us and His wish that you live from day to day after the pattern set for you in the Ten Commandments in the anticipation of your eternal glorification in Heaven with Him, this, I say, is the Christ Child's wish for you. When you see these things you should be merry.*

*In this sense of the great day of Christmas do I and the wonderful Faculty of Loughlin extend to you, the men of Loughlin, and to all parents and relatives a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.*



Glee Club, directed by Brother Basilian, sings "Adeste Fidelis" during Christmas Concert.

### Loughlin Glee Club and Orchestra Meld Talents To Undertake Christmas Concert In Auditorium

The Glee Club and Orchestra combined efforts to present a Christmas Concert, Thursday, December 14, in the school auditorium.

The theme of the concert was "Christmas." Mr. Angelo Consoli conducted the orchestra, while Brother Basilian directed the Glee Club. Brother Ambrose Stephen, moderator of the orchestra, was in charge of decorations and arrangements. One hundred Loughlinites participated in the program, sixty singing in the Glee Club and forty playing in the Orchestra.

The Orchestra and Glee Club interluded each melody. The program consisted of spiritual hymns and popular Christmas songs including: "Silent Night," "Adeste Fidelis," "Santa Claus Is Coming To Town," and "Rudolph the Red Nose Reindeer." "O Holy Night" and "Birthday of a King" were solo selections.

For the finale, the Glee Club sang "Sanctus" and the Orchestra introduced a sing-along under the title of Christmas Tide. Mr. Consoli summed up the purpose of the Concert thus: "We are renewing the tradition of the Christmas spirit for all the parents and students, and continuing the Loughlin spirit."

### Junior Thespians Perform Medieval One Act Comedy

"The Farce of Master Pierre Patelin," a medieval one act comedy, was enacted by the junior members of the Dramatics Society, Wednesday, December 20, in the auditorium before the junior class.

The drama, originally written during the fifteenth century, was acted in medieval style. Since there was no use of backdrops at that time before Elizabethan theatre, no scenery was employed by the young Thespians except for the bare suggestion of the set.

The play concerned a clever and cunning man who thought that he could cheat someone but is himself cheated by a simpleton. The cast includes Stephen Burchik, Charles Murphy, Gerald Schriffen, and Richard Tortorici of Loughlin and Arlene Maiorero of Queen of All Saints.

"This one act presentation was interesting because it was entirely different from present day plays" stated Mr. Charles Grosse, moderator of the Dramatics Society. According to him, the play provided experience for the actors and entertainment for the audience.

Due to the accident and injury of Vincent Carlin, the senior play, the "Valiant," was postponed indefinitely. The presentation had been originally scheduled for Monday, November 20, but is now deferred until January.

In the Spring, the Dramatics Society will present its annual three act play. As of yet, the title or content of this presentation has not been disclosed.

### Concerning College And Careers Parents Attend Evening Program

Nine hundred parents participated in the parent-teachers meeting conducted by the school Wednesday evening, December 6, from 7:30 to 9:00 in the auditorium.

The purpose of this meeting was to enable the parents and teachers to become better acquainted on an informal, friendly basis. However, the program was for parents of students on the junior, senior levels only.

At this meeting, Brother B. Joseph of Manhattan College spoke on "Is College For Every Student?" and "What College Should You Son Attend." Brother C. Philip discussed the topic "Is Parental Generosity In Vocations Dying?"

Each talk was followed by a question and answer period. Coffee and cake was served in the school cafeteria following the discussions. A similar freshman-sophomore parent meeting is planned for the future.

The Leo Honor Society will sponsor a college night January 4 for the juniors and seniors and their parents. At this program will be representatives from Fordham University, Iona College, Manhattan College, St. Francis College, St. John's Uni-

### Student Entertainment Sparks Traditional Holiday Assembly

#### SANTA CLAUS VISITS

#### Brother Lewis Recites Christmas Gospel Of Saint Luke

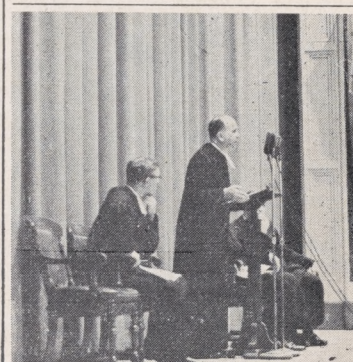
Ushering in the holiday season, Loughlin presents the Annual Christmas Assembly in the auditorium this afternoon, December 22. This year, the show is under the auspices of Brother C. Richard and will be attended by the entire student body and faculty.

Commencing the assembly, Brother A. Lewis, Dean of Loughlin, will recite the Christmas Gospel according to Saint Luke. Entertainment offerings will include Joe Rotolo's Senior Jazz Combo, a junior singing group, a one act dramatic presentation, and a movie depicting a typical day at Loughlin. Mr. George Rogers will play a selection at the organ and Mr. Joseph Sheehan will play a violin recital.

Highlighting the Yule show, Santa Claus will make his annual appearance and distribute his customary "gifts" to the faculty. At some time during the assembly will take place the drawing of the winners of the Benilde Club Mission Raffle. Brother B. Stephen will close the show with a Christmas Address to the Student body.

versity of Jamaica, and LaSalle College.

Brother B. Stephen will deliver a welcoming address after



Brother Celestine Philip discusses "Parental Generosity" in vocations.

which Brother A. Raphael will make the introductions. Three thirty-five minute conferences starting at 7:45 p.m. will follow at ten minute intervals to permit movement between conferences. Question and answer periods will follow each talk.



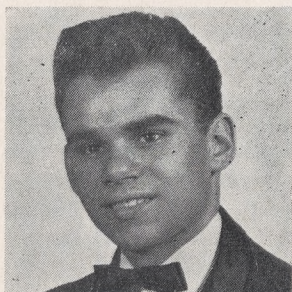
# PERSONALITIES

JIM FLOOD

Commencing the Personality Parade this month is the Gold Party's proud standard-bearer, Steve Cardos.

This versatile young man is a product of Incarnation Parish, Belaire, where he spends his leisure time playing his guitar.

At Loughlin Steve holds five executive positions as well as membership in several other clubs. To begin, we will do well by listing them: Pres. of Leo Honor Society, Pres. of the French Club, Junior and Senior Prom Committee chairman, and member of the Executive Board of the Student Council.



Steve Cardos

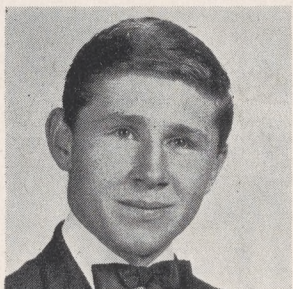
The magic crystal points to a medical degree at Manhattan.

From Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal Parish, Point Lookout hails trackster Pete "Duffy" Mahoney. Duffy serves as President of the Point Lookout Teen Club and a member of the Community Bowling League.

Duffy's activities include: four year track team and Spike Shoe Club membership, Senior Mag, Sports Editor, Senior and Junior Prom Committee, two years weightlifting and proud LaSalle Cluber.

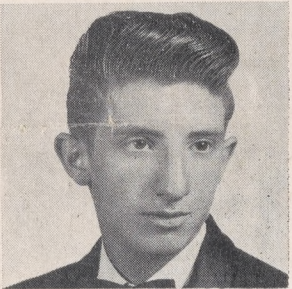
"Sharon", bowling and swimming rank high on his lists of leisure.

Notre Dame or Catholic U. will play host to this September freshman in the field of architecture.



Pete Mahoney

"Practice Makes Perfect." So goes the saying, and Ken Coniglio is no exception to the rule. Ken holds the Catholic High School Indoor and Outdoor High Hurdles Title.



Ken Coniglio

A Bayside resident, from the Parish of Sacred Heart, Ken spends his time engaged in the Whitestone Rifle and Pistol Club.

Ken has been a four year member of the La Salle Club, Track Team and Spike Shoe Club.

In the field of law, Ken will pursue his education at Villanova.

"Skip" comes to us from the wilds of North Merrick. He is a member of Sacred Heart Parish, where he currently serves on the Dance Committee of the Catholic Youth Council.

The Jamesonian, Benilde Club, La Salle Club, Student Council and Latin Club are Artie's major activities.

Skip also includes the Leo Honor Society, straight Gold "L's" and now a National Merit Letter of Commendation among his honors.

Making his own arrangements of tunes such as "Music, Music, Music" for the guitar is a preferable pastime at home.

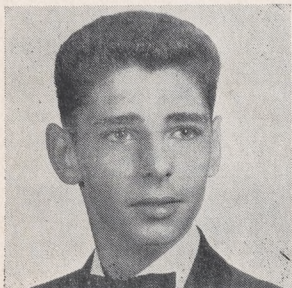
Physics seems to hold most interest in Artie's studies. He hopes to attend Manhattan in fulfillment of this endeavor.

Synonymous with the sport of swimming around Loughlin is the name, Jerry Mandina. In the pools, Jerry is remembered as CHSAA Frosh Diving Champ. His features are the jack-knife and flips.

Jerry attends St. Sylvester Church and trolleys in daily aboard the "A" train.

In Senior Activities, Jerry serves as the Senior Button Chairman, and Co-Chairman of the Evening Dances. Among his outside interests, Jazz collecting, driving his M.G., and Elaine are included.

Jerry will fly south for the winter of '62-'63, when he'll study for a law degree at the University of Florida.



Jerry Mandina

# The Reign Of The Nativity

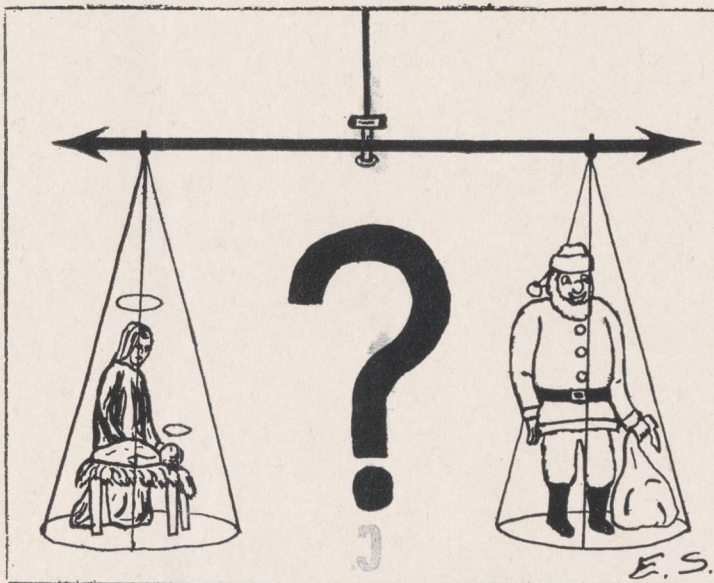
"The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, in hope that St. Nicholas soon would be there." Christmas after Christmas this epic poem will be ever-quoted. Fond children scurry as elves in the traditional excitement of the season. Adults express sentimentality of Yuletide through elaborate gifts and presents.

While searching through the spotlights of the city, we see gaily posted signs displaying this or that article. Tree lights, bulbs and wreaths are constantly about us during this happy season.

But as we meander and wander through the department stores of the city, seeing the signs of ultra bliss, do we see any signs or messages of the "True Christmas Spirit"? Keep Christ in Christmas! should be the major greeting of the season.

How often do we encounter upon a stable, a sign of the Nativity? What is the comparison of the infant's picture to the picture of the ever-jolly, noble Santa Claus?

How often do we stop to say a quick prayer in honor of the Nativity, but how often do we shop for a present for this or that person, without the least thought that the anniversary of Christ's birth is at hand?



Man is becoming less and less interested and more and more indifferent toward the mere truth of Christ's existence, much less the truth of His constant presence in our lives.

We, at Loughlin, must make a sound effort to de-commercialize Christmas. We, the youth of today, the leaders of tomorrow, must adopt a genuine belief and reconstruction of the basis of our civilized world.

We are not now nor ever about to hand our country to the agitating menace of Communism, but we act in such a manner that is alone familiar to our adversaries.

We must conquer in the all-out campaign against illiteracy toward the divinity, most of all at this holiest time of the year, "The Reign of The Nativity."

To make this our most joyful and enjoyable Christmas, we must mature to the realization and comprehension of the Nativity.

Display of scenic beauty has never been so evident as the stable scene. Even the firmest materialist cannot help movement at this sight.

Recommendation of removal of Christmas trees and lights are not suggested. For, these are evidences and true parts of Christmas, too.

We need not say "put Christ back in Christmas," for after all we must realize Christ is Christmas!

## AROUND LOUGHLIN

JIM GIARDINA

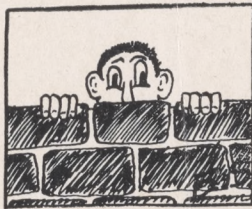
A funny thing happened to me in the hall last week. I met a senior who wasn't a student councilor.

One of the school's sophomores seemed disturbed when he received a summons for wearing white socks. He protested that his socks were not white; it's that he has albino feet.

The school encountered some difficulties in the construction of the new track. It now appears that it will not be finished on schedule. If so, it will mark the second straight year that the "Big A" opened ahead of us.

### Christmas News:

I found a freshman crying in the locker room last week. Some big-mouth senior told him there wasn't any Santa Claus. I told him not to worry, though, it's just a four month wait for the Easter bunny.



### Facts about Santa Claus

- Fact 1—He's fat.
- Fact 2—He can't brush his teeth after every meal.
- Fact 3—He's not a member of the Jeff Chandler fan club.
- Fact 4—He didn't bring me Sabrina last year.

Macy's Toy Department fired their Santa Claus last year. They noticed his beard was too dark and upon further investigation he was discovered to be Castro's father attempting to steal the plans for Lionel's new missile car.

No, the seniors did not try to steal the Christmas tree from Rockefeller Plaza last year.

Santa Claus didn't come to my house last year... I filled the chimney with cement.

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## Three Receive Awards In Photography Contest

In the Photography Contest sponsored by **The Jamesonian** three students were awarded for having submitted four prize-winning photos. Each first place winner received ten dollars, and five dollars was awarded to each second place winner.

Contestants were asked to submit photographs pertaining to life at Loughlin. These entries were divided into two divisions — a Freshman-Sophomore Division and a Junior-Senior Division. First and second prizes were awarded in both divisions. All pictures were judged by members of **The Jamesonian staff**, December 12.

The picture submitted by Howard Carlson, 117, was awarded first prize in the Junior-Senior Division, while the entry of Charles Guder, 126, was judged second. Ralph Finno, 425, took both first and second places in his division.

### —: FRESHMAN - SOPHOMORE DIVISION :—



First Prize: "White Party Goes Down Fighting," submitted by Ralph Finno

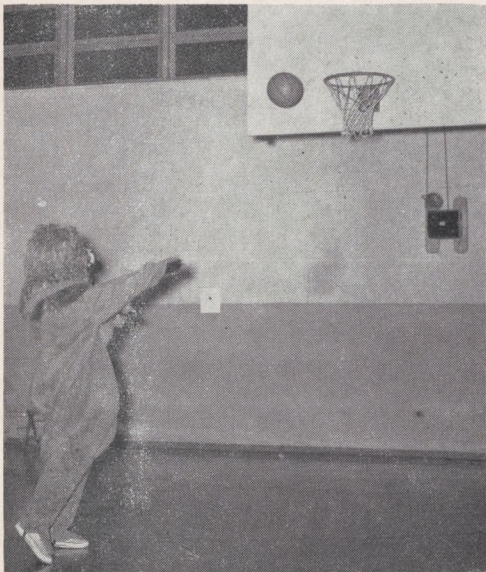
Second Prize:

"High Jumper Strains To Six Feet"

submitted by Ralph Finno



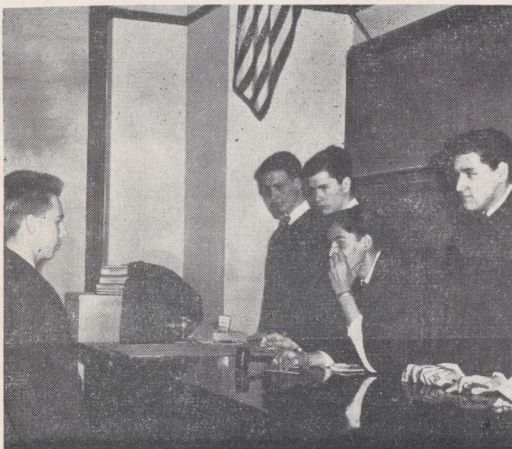
### —: JUNIOR - SENIOR DIVISION :—



First Prize:

"The Lion Doesn't Sleep Tonight"

submitted by Howard Carlson



Second Prize:

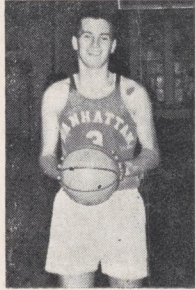
"Student Offender Receives Justice"

submitted by Charles Guder

## Loughlin Graduates Review The Aspects of College Life

**The Jamesonian** presents, in this issue, four feature articles by four Loughlin alumni. The purpose of these articles is to give a true picture for the student of what college is really like.

The author of the first article is Len Schnappauf, who is now attending Manhattan College. Joe Centrella, presently attending Georgetown University has written the second article, while Kieran Moran, who is now at the Christian Brothers' Novitiate, has expressed what life at the Novitiate is like. Finally, Bill Langan has written about his first few months at Notre Dame.



LEN SCHNAPPAUF

Like most boys when I first started college I had some idea of what was ahead of me. I would be studying two to three hours at night and worrying when the marks are due. To my surprise, this was truer than I actually thought it would be.

First of all, even though I was studying two to three hours at night, I still found it difficult to obtain good grades. In high school I could get away with studying one hour at night but in college more time is necessary.

Secondly, I found that in order to get good marks I must also participate in class by asking questions and adding to the discussions in class. The teacher will take into consideration my participation in class and this could very well mean the difference between a C and B.

Even though my main purpose for attending college is to get a good education it isn't all work. I still find time for social activities which have helped me get acquainted with those who attend the college and also teach me how to act when I get out in the world.

My advice to anyone who intends to go to college is to learn how to study and read well, because you are going to need it. Take it from one who is learning the hard way.

There are three problems that you must cope with in your first few months in college. The first and most important of your problems is your study program. Then, after you have adjusted to your program of six subjects, another problem presents itself — your roommate.

A constant cold war is waged with your roommate. He begins to get on your nerves. He borrows everything you have, he snores, he smokes an old pipe, and he keeps the light on at night when you want to sleep. By the end of the semester you have fostered a genuine dislike for the fellow. It takes will-power more than anything else to keep things on friendly terms throughout the year.

Finally the most frustrating problem is the female problem. Often college girls, with their minds filled with visions of football players and the like, will not condescend to date a lowly Frosh. Then, too, the high school girls are not always permitted to go out with college boys because their parents consider these boys "Cassanovas." In high school we had always thought that "those college boys have it made." Now, however, we find it different.

But, all in all, college is really a good time. At times it gets a little depressing and frustrating, but in the end everything works itself out.

The two aspects of life here at the Novitiate are the exterior and the interior. The first and the lesser in importance is the exterior which is manifested in the schedule which we follow during the day. The sixteen hours of our day are spent in diversified activities. The scope of these activities extends from the ethereal to the temporal.

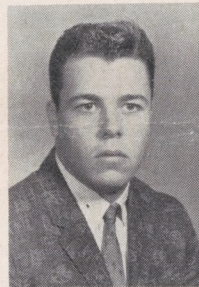
On the spiritual side of the fence we have Meditation, Mass Spiritual Reading and Conferences which pertain to the life of the soul. On the other side we have a Sacred Scripture course, a Music course, and a typing course. But all these things would be of no benefit in themselves if the interior was not brought into focus. There is always lurking the catastrophe of not supernaturalizing all our actions for the love of God. This love can only be increased by an abundant "spirit of faith" which is one of the most important concepts which the Novitiate implants in us.



KIERAN MORAN

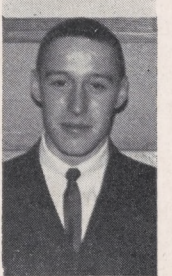
The easiest explanation of the "spirit of faith" which I can think of at the moment is if I were to have signed a blank order slip and hand it to God with the intention that I have signed for it, now let God send what He wills.

Funny thing about what I have just stated is that this applies to any life career that I might have chosen.



JOE CENTRELLA

Often in high school we hear the terms more freedom and more responsibility in connection with college life. More freedom — that means parties, dances, football games — a great time. We ignore the second term — more responsibility. Unfortunately, this is the more dominant aspect of college and one which should not be overlooked.



BILL LANGAN

Sure in college we have more free time. But we also have more work. There are less class hours but there is more material to be covered. If you don't study, nobody is going to get on your back. But when semester break rolls around you might find yourself out of school.

### Study Is Necessary

The hardest adjustment to be made concerns studying. How can anyone sit down and study six or seven hours in one day? It's not easy, but often it is necessary. Once a student gets used to this increase in work, college life comes easier for him.

### Numerous Social Activities

That is not all there is to college, of course. The opportunities for social life are almost unlimited. At least two or three movies are shown on campus each week by the various student organizations. Dances are held quite frequently and most colleges have at least one major sport which is supported by the student body. In my college (Notre Dame) the biggest sport is football. On weekends of home games thousands of visitors roam the campus livening it up.

The opportunity for individual sports is continually present. Normally you have no trouble in getting together for basketball or football. But most of your spare time, and some time you can't spare, is spent in "bull sessions" with the guys in the dorm. This is perhaps the most time-consuming pastime of all.

You will not be disappointed in this aspect of your life at college. You have always thought that college is a lot of fun. This is true, but you must keep up with your work so that you will be able to enjoy your spare time. There will be no lack of things to do when you have the time.

In conclusion, do not think that college will be one big party. You can have fun but you must work.



## ANNALS OF LOUGHLIN

# Loughlin High Bears Name Of Brooklyn's First Prelate

by Tim Nesbitt

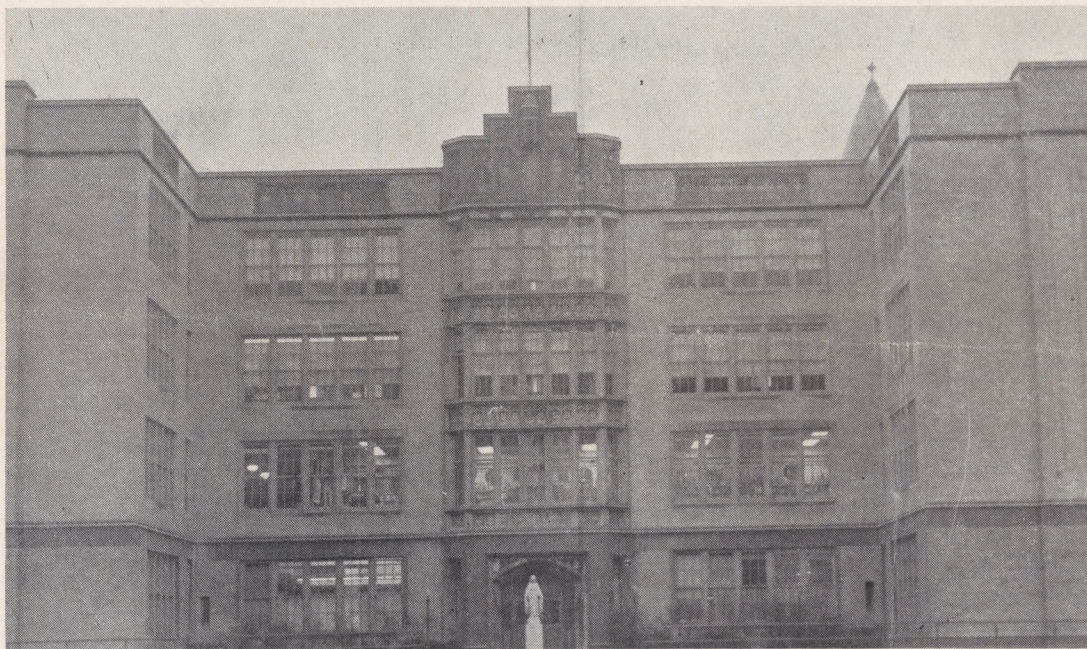
*The following is the second of a series of bi-monthly articles relating the tradition which surrounds Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School.*

His excellency Thomas Molloy dedicated Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School as a tribute to what the great Bishop John Loughlin had done for the diocese and as a reminder for the people of Brooklyn to pray for the eternal peace of his soul, October 12, 1933. In the twenty-eight years since its dedication our school has perpetuated the name of Bishop Loughlin and has stood as a tribute to his great work in the field of Catholic education.

The life of John Loughlin began in County Down, Ireland, December 20, 1817. Twelve years later his family emigrated from their native land to America. Having settled in Albany, he later had the opportunity of attending St. Peter's College at Chambly near Montreal, and Emmetsburg, Maryland, for five years.

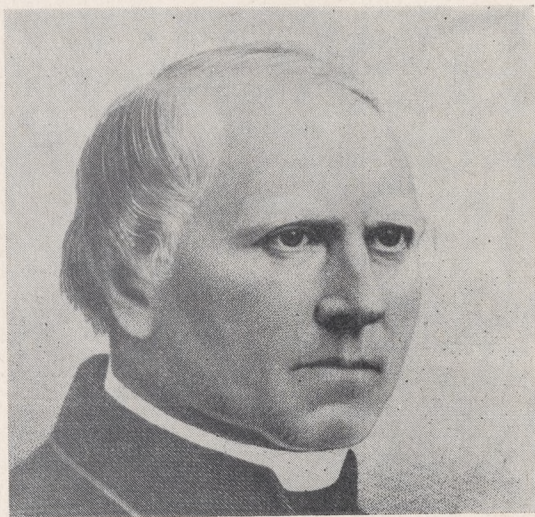
Finally, after spending one year at St. Mary's Seminary in Baltimore, John Loughlin was ready for the priesthood. In St. Patrick's Cathedral, October 18, 1840, he received the sacrament of Holy Orders as Bishop Hughes presided at the ceremony.

After spending one year at Utica, New York, he was recalled to the assistance of Bishop Hughes at St. Patrick's Cathedral. The Bishop recognized the administrative talents in the active Father Loughlin and he became, first the rector of the cathedral, then the Bishop's vicar general.



The present Bishop Loughlin Memorial High School

On July 29, 1853, Pope Pius IX issued the brief *De Incolumitate Christiani Gregi* establishing Long Island as a diocese with its episcopal see in Brooklyn. On the same day a papal bull was issued appointing the Very Rev. John Loughlin as its first ordinary. He was consecrated Bishop in St. Patrick's Cathedral by the Most Rev. Cajetan Bedini.



BISHOP JOHN LOUGHLIN

When Brooklyn's first Bishop came to his diocese there were but twelve churches on Long Island, with just fifteen priests to care for some 15,000 parishioners. In addition there was very limited educational equipment and the children of the diocese were taught in the basements of some churches.

Bishop Loughlin recognized this situation and prepared to relieve the diocese of its need.

He believed especially in the necessity of Catholic education. His first acts were to bring into the diocese enough orders of priests, brothers and sisters to care for the spiritual and educational needs of his people.

How successful the Bishop's efforts were can be seen from the following facts. After his 38 years as Bishop there were 125 churches and chapels, 93 parochial schools and two colleges existing in the diocese. Three times as many parishes had been established during this time than in the previous 38 years. For this accomplishment he became known as one of the great church builders of America and was heralded as a pioneer and pathfinder of the Church in America.

In 1890 the diocese prepared to honor Bishop Loughlin for all that he had done since first taking up his episcopate in Brooklyn. The occasion was the golden jubilee of the Bishop's ordination. The celebration, in which all of Brooklyn took part, continued for six days, Oct. 15 to Oct. 20. During this time there were dinners and receptions and processions conducted by both civic and church organizations. The highlight of these events was the Jubilee Mass at the Pro-Cathedral, October 18, 1890.

In the afternoon of December 29, after a short illness, Bishop John Loughlin died, on the second floor of the Brother's house, leaving to his successor, Bishop Charles McDonnell, the results of his life's labor. His body lay in state at Clermont Ave., where it was viewed by 500,000 people during the next two days. On January 1 the funeral mass was said. In the text chosen by Father Frederick Wayrich, who preached the eulogy, may be expressed the life of Bishop Loughlin, "I have fought the good fight . . ."

## VOICE OF LOUGHLIN

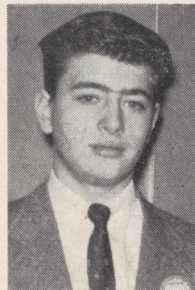
Q. What activity or interest, do you think, has contributed most to your development? Why?

A. Playing in the school orchestra has helped my cultural development by enabling me to work with other people as part of a team and performing before audiences.

G. Gabriel 3A-311

A. I think the lunch period has contributed most to my development. I have gained 30 pounds since September.

J. Hennessey 3A-326



A. I think the Loughlin intramural program has contributed the most to my development. It does not require one to excel in a single skill such as basketball or track but rather, allows one to participate in a variety of activities just for the sheer enjoyment of competing against fellow classmates.

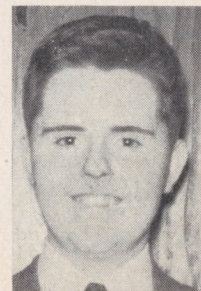
J. Podkowsky 4A-116

A. In my opinion, the Glee Club contributed the most to my development. Not only has it improved my vocal abilities, but it also has taught me to appreciate classical and semi-classical music.

J. Schmidt 4A-414

A. Among my activities in Loughlin, I think the Legion of Mary has done the most for my development. It has helped me both spiritually and socially. Through the Legion I have met many fine boys. The Legion work, such as teaching catechism to the deaf and blind children, enables me to help others.

T. Murtagh 3A-311



A. The Radio Club, because it stimulates my interest in amateur radio as a hobby. Through it I made many new friends, some of them in other areas of the country. Also, the knowledge gained in electronics has helped in my schoolwork and may even influence my choice of a career.

H. Melz 4A-114



A. A thorough understanding of humanity's ideas is obtainable through the understanding of literature, one of our greatest inheritances. The Creative Writing Workshop, one of Loughlin's newer activities, has aided me in this respect. It helps its members through discussions and readings which are analyzed and interpreted.

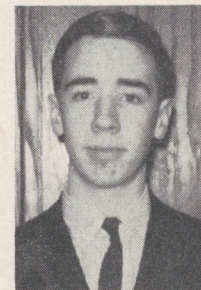
R. Stolling 2A-408

A. The most gratifying and wonderful activity that I have had the magnificent opportunity to be a member of is the most glorious and stimulating activity called by name the 2:31 Club.

S. Geary 4A-116

A. I believe that I have benefited most by my participation in debating. In practice, it employs all the elements of public speaking, and even more; it helps the debator to think on his feet. Interscholastic competition in debate teaches the debator teamwork and sportsmanship as would any sport.

P. Ryan 4A-305



A. The interest that has contributed most to my development is the school and the students themselves. Their enthusiasm, their school spirit and their support, make me proud that I belong to such a wonderful school.

P. Vecchione 2A-216



A. I sincerely believe that my interest in girls has contributed the most to my development. Don't laugh. Indeed, my association with these sweet, abstruse, scheming beings has done more to inure me to the wiles and ways of this world than have any other experiences or encounters.

J. Millus 4A-117

A. Debating has contributed the most to my development because it stimulates my mind to work at every angle of a problem and keeps me informed about many current events. It stimulates thought to argue an idea, which you believe, with someone who has views which differ from yours.

K. Lombardi 1A-216



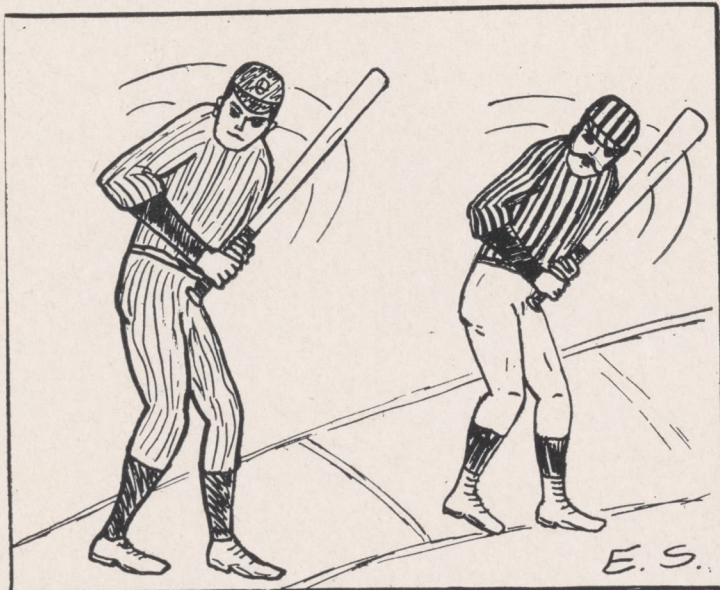
## LOUDSPEAKER

BERT COPPOTELLI

During the recent home run fever which swept the nation this past summer there was much talk about the quality of the modern day athlete.

I realize the comparison between the M 'n' M boys and Ruth and Gherig is hardly equal to one between the Loughlin athlete of today and his illustrious predecessor.

However such is the topic I have picked and such is what I will attempt to write on. Certain opinions have come to my attention which favor the "gods" of the past.



The proof, however, that these opinions are without question out of the question, is in the records.

Even if you take into consideration such "old timers" as Tyrone Pannel, who is without doubt a legend around here, you will soon discover that all but one of his records have been broken in the short time that he has been gone.

Riley and Coniglio have virtually obliterated all his marks with the exception of his 6'4" jump in the '60 Nationals.

As far as basketball is concerned, the points scored by the stars of the 1931 City Champions can't even be compared to the records set by the '61 Champs.

I received a letter not too long ago concerning the omission of one of the above mentioned '31 standouts, Jim "Pop" Travers. No offense intended Mr. Travers but I am afraid you would be forced to agree that the ball played by your contemporaries wouldn't hold much ground against the Lions of today.

## Loughlin Captures Second In Games As Coniglio Sweeps Field In Hurdles

On Saturday, December 2, at the 168th Street Armory Loughlin's track team opened their 1961-62 season. The Relay Carnival brought some pleasant surprises to Mr. Miles and Brother Denis.

The high jump relay consisting of Bob Riley, John McKenna and George Synan, led the field by taking first, second and third places respectively. Riley, a senior, soared to the height of 6' 1 3/4". He was unable to go any higher because the standards could not be raised. This team effort eclipsed the old mark and created a new Meet record of 17'6 1/4".

Loughlin's 880 yard relay, consisting of Ken Coniglio, Bob Riley, Ralph Aliventi and Joe Flaherty, came through with a silver medal effort. The whole race was nip n' tuck with Cardinal Hayes, with the Lions succumbing only after a hard fought battle.

The mile relay made up of Mike Zarzicki, Tom Sacklyn, Bernard Thompson and Tom Babor placed fourth. The Loughlin musclemen, the shot put relay also placed fourth.

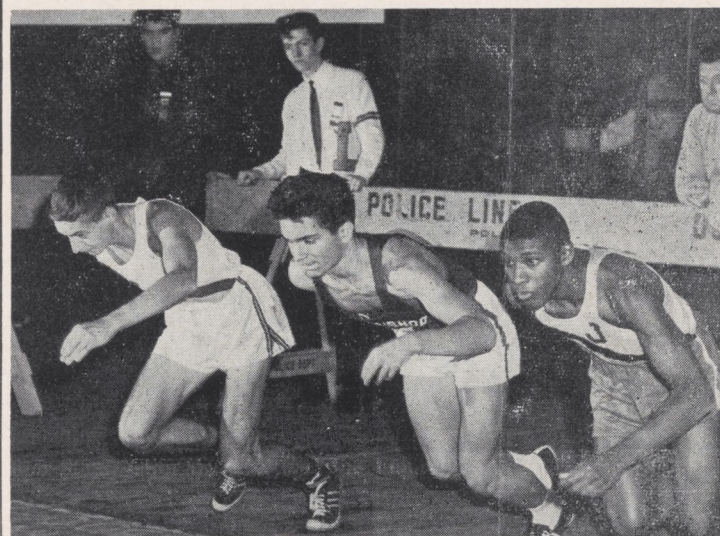
December 9 brought 4,200 schoolboys to the Armory for

the ninth annual Loughlin Games. Rice High School of Manhattan copped first place with 10 1/2 points, edging the "hosts" by a mere half point. Also in second with 10 points was Archbishop Stepinac High School.

Senior Ken Coniglio led the Lions with a tremendous victory over the defending champion Ray Woodton of New Jersey. Coniglio's 7.5 clocking was consid-

ered exceptionally fast for so early in the season.

Pete Haffner and Charlie LoGuidice added to the scoring with fourth and fifth places respectively in the shot put on the Thursday before the Meet at the Armory here in Loughlin's Gym. Haffner's scoring came as a particular surprise since "Baby Huey" was on the road to recovery from an operation for a cyst in the wrist.



Steve Glasser starts off Loughlin's 880 relay team in the Loughlin Games December 9. The other members of the team were Bob Sthal, Cliff Wallace, and Joe Flaherty.

## DiBiase Stars As Loughlin Cagers Sweep Opponents

The defending city champions commenced their cage campaign with victories over the Alumni, Cathedral Prep, and Chaminade. Last year's team in addition to the city championship was the winner of the Iona and Christian Brothers Tournament as well as runnerup in the National Catholic Tourney in Washington D.C. This year with many returning lettermen and coach of the year Ralph Tedesco hopes are set high for a repeat performance.

### Top Alumni

As in the past, the first game of the infant season was against the Alumni. Returning to compete against the Lions were such notables as Larry Lembo, Len Schnappauf, Gene Parchinski, and Ed Pare. However the hustling play of the cagers proved too much for the former Lions and they were defeated by a score of 75-60. John DiBiase showed a scoring prowess by ripping the cords for 20, while Willie Wolters dumped in 15. Jack Crispi hit for double figures with a total of 10 with Bob London, Ray Delnicki and Kev Lyall scoring 7, 9, and 3 respectively. High scorers for the Alumni were Schnappauf with 13 points, Pare with 10 and Lembo with 10.

### Romp Over Cathedral

The first league contest to be encountered by the "purple and gold" was against Cathedral Prep.

Although scoreless for the first few minutes of the game, the Lions suddenly roared to take a commanding lead. They continued to score, until at the end of the half they led by more than 20 points, 42 to 14. The second half was a replica of the

first, with the taller Lions completely outmaneuvering Cathedral. Bob London cleared the boards well while John DiBiase and Jack Crispi played excellent defense. DiBiase also led the pack with 25 tallies, scoring mostly on drives, with Willie Wolters hitting for 15 with taps from under the boards. Jack Crispi and Bob London also accounted for 11 and 8 markers respectively.

In addition to the height disadvantage the Crusaders showed poor shooting ability with their high man, Rajkowski, scoring only 11, most of which were on foul shots. The final score was Loughlin 66, Cathedral 27.

### Ground Flyers

The next victim to fall prey to the prowling Lions of Loughlin were the Flyers of Chaminade. This victory over the "team from Mineola" evened up the score for the Flyers were the only team to defeat our cagers in last year's league competition.

The game began at 8 o'clock and from the tap it promised to be a Loughlin evening, with the Lions leading at the end of every period, with a score of 35 to 29 at halftime. The second half continued on as did the first, with the Lions showing a definite shooting advantage. The hoopsters put on a display of deadly outside shooting with John DeBiase again setting the pace. He hit with unerring accuracy from the outside to pile up 14 field goals and 8 free throws for a total of 36 points, the game high. Bob London's 12 and Willie Wolter's 9 represents the greater part of the remaining scoring although Crispi had 6, Orłowski 2, and Delnicki 3. At the final buzzer it was Loughlin by a score of 68-54.

### Provide Bus Trip

The school provided for a bus trip to Chaminade, in order to supply vocal support for the team. The charge was \$1.25 for the ride and admission to the dance which followed the game, and many of the student body as well as members of the faculty went along. The bus left the school at 6 o'clock for the 8 o'clock game and on the return trip one of the buses broke down and its occupants were stranded until 2:30 a.m.

An added attraction at the game was the appearance of Loughlin's very own Lion, a costume purchased through the generosity of the senior class.

Late news — the next victims of the roaring Lions was St. Augustine's who fell prey via a 68 to 56 score.

## Swimmers On Offensive Capture Four Straight

Loughlin's Varsity swimming team, as a result of the expert coaching of Harry Benvenuto, has maintained an undefeated season with a record of four wins and no losses. Captained by Dan Palese and Ray Kerwick, the team has scored victories over Polytechnic Institute (a college), Sheepshead Bay, Xavier and Hayes.

The December fifth meet against Hayes proved to be an extremely close contest with the Lions claiming a victory of 48-47. Chris Jones of 425 racked 10 points for the purple and gold capturing first place in the 400 yard freestyle. Charlie Gallata also scored by placing third. Ray Kerwick, Dennis Christy, Danny Palese and Laszlo Eger scored seven points in the freestyle relay and Jack McKenna placed third in the diving competition.

In previous issues it has been said that the strength of the team lies mainly in such underclassmen as S. Fontana, L. Eger, D. Orlando, D. Christy, C. Jones and J. Quinn.

The freshmen, even though they have much potential, still need much shaping by coach Benvenuto and manager Jim Quinn, if they are someday to equal the efforts of this year's varsity.



## Heart of the Matter

GAVIN LINDNER

Since the depression of the '30's, the United States has moved from an idea of isolationism to the position of a world-power, and the thinking of its leadership has taken pretty much of a complete reverse. We no longer act the way we think is best for us with almost complete disdain for what other nations feel, but seem to be obsessed with the image we create with other nations, what they think of us and our supposed prestige throughout the world. This idea of aloofness is far from the ideal way of running foreign policy, but in ways it is better than the present trend of subverting what is good for the United States or in many cases our allies, in trying to win over the supposed neutral nations of the world.



GAVIN LINDNER

We should ask the neutral nations of the world, whom we help very generously with foreign aid, whom they would support, either the free-world or the communist world and distribute this aid proportionately. I don't mean that we should cut off aid entirely to countries not entirely for us, without any regard to helping them increase their economic well-being, but I feel we should help countries who we are sure of as Pakistan, rather than those whose attitudes and leaders are wavering as in India and Ceylon.

Too often the United States has put the welfare of the uncommitted nations above that of our staunchest allies. A good example of that was in Suez in 1956 when, through the United Nations, we backed the neutrals and Russia and humiliated our two firmest allies, France and England. Is it not reasonable to consolidate the position with our allies and forge real western unity rather than go out on a limb to win over nations whose alliance is at best very shaky.

The United States did not ask for the position of world-power but had it thrust on us by the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor twenty years ago, and it is ours whether we approve of it or not. Although this imparts with it great power and even more awesome responsibility, it now carries the idea of defending the free-world from Communism, and we mustn't let our fear of using this power or even more ridiculous what the neutrals think of us force us into an attitude of appeasement or peaceful submission.

We must not be afraid to take chances in our struggle with the Communists and we can't let the idea of our image in the minds of others deter us from what we feel is right, in what amounts to war with the Communists.

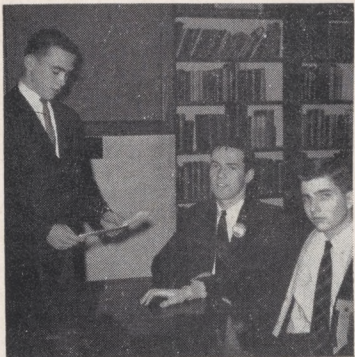
## Speakers Attend St. John's Student Congress And Contests

Saint John's University welcomed a number of Loughlin students for a Public Speaking and Debating Tournament, Friday, December 8.

Representatives from 77 schools were present for this tourney, which was comprised of debate, extemporaneous speaking and original oratory. Philip Ryan and Kevin Mulcahy competed as partners in the extemporaneous phase of the tourney, while James Flood and Matt Walsh competed in original oratory. The team of Daniel Scannell and Michael Hogan competed in the debating section. A four year scholarship to St. John's was awarded to the winning senior in the extemporaneous division of the contest.

On December 16 the third Student Congress for the year was conducted at St. John's Prep under the auspices of the National League. Representatives from twenty schools in the New York area attended the Congress, a miniature of the actual Senate and House of Representatives. Four Loughlin speakers took part in the "House of Representatives" and two of our speakers were in the "Senate". Topics of international, national, and local importance were discussed, and rules of parliamentary procedure were strictly adhered to during the conference.

Wednesday, December 16, saw the first Catholic Forensic League Tournament held at Loughlin. Four Loughlin sophomores competed in the varsity division of



Debater M. Hogan explains argument to speakers J. Flood and M. Walsh.

debating; they were Edward Conway and Karl Cribben for the affirmative and Martin Miles and Peter Lidosky for the negative. Competing were about five schools in Brooklyn and Queens. Brother Aloysius Kevin, moderator of debating, commenting on his future hopes for the organization, said, "Among our most important plans for the future is to make our debating team a travelling team. We are anxious that our debaters spread Loughlin's fame in the field of public speaking and debating as far and wide as possible. Therefore, we are looking forward to debate tournaments in Rhode Island, Massachusetts, New Jersey and even in Miami, Florida."

## Senior Activities Sponsors Trip To Washington D. C.

The Senior Activity organization of the school, under the moderation of Brother C. Richard, sponsored a trip to Washington exclusively for seniors. The trip lasted three days, over the weekend of December 8, 9, and 10.

A chartered bus, which left the school in Thursday afternoon, transported the forty-two seniors who went on the trip to Washington. Two LaSalle Club officials were also invited to go on the trip as guests of the Senior class. They were James McKay, the Sophomore Vice-President, and Cirino Lombard, the Vice-President of the junior year.

### Students Voice Opinion On World Problems

Our youth of today will soon become the citizens of tomorrow. In view of this fact the National Broadcasting Company presents at 12:30 p.m. every Sunday a show dedicated to bringing teenagers together for the purpose of discussing world problems and issues. This show, "Dorothy Gordon Youth Forum", invites leading high schools to send student representatives to attend these conferences.

Philip Ryan of class 305 has attended these open forums both as a panelist and as a spectator. Phil, the president of the Debating team, appeared on the November 12 show.

### Public Figure Appears Weekly

The first fifteen minutes are devoted to the questioning of a world figure by four to six high school students. Such noted figures as the Deputy Foreign Minister of Poland and Indonesia's Ambassador to the U.N. have appeared for this segment. Dorothy Gordon, columnist for the *New York Times*, is moderator and hostess for the show. In Philip Ryan's opinion, "American teenagers have the opportunity to question world leaders, a privilege rarely afforded them."

### Christmas "Snow Ball" Climaxes Social Season

Tomorrow, Saturday, the twenty-third of December, the last event of Loughlin's 1961 social season will commence. Beginning in the cafeteria at eight and ending at eleven-thirty, students from all years and their dates will dance to the sounds of the Johnny Gay Combo.

The Christmas Holiday Dance or Snow Ball '61 as it was officially named will be host to approximately one hundred and fifty couples in an informal atmosphere. During the evening, favors, which consist of small Christmas cribs will be given out to the young ladies. Refreshments of coke and cookies will be supplied throughout the evening.

### Combo Returns

The Johnny Gay Combo, which played at the Fall Festival, is to supply the music tomorrow. Jerry Mandina is the chairman of the committee, while Frank Rourke is the co-chairman. Phil Carrano, the chairman of the decorations committee, has planned to decorate the cafeteria with all the Christmas trimmings including snowmen. The central part of the decorations will be a large Christmas crib.

The Photography Club will be on hand to take pictures of those present. The faculty and their wives will be the chaperons with official chaperons being Mr. and Mrs. Christopher O'Toole and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Tedesco.



Loughlin students and faculty members leaving Jefferson Memorial on the Washington trip.

### Faculty Members Supervise

The trip was organized and arranged by a committee which was headed by Brother A. James, its director, and Frank Dunne of room 119, chairman. In addition to Brother Richard and Brother James, who supervised the trip, four other members of the faculty also attended. They were: Brother Charles Felix, Brother Jerome Brother Alban and Brother Ambrose. This was the first trip to Washington of the school year. Senior Activities also plans to have another Washington trip early next year, probably in February.

During the three day stay, the seniors were accommodated at the Ambassador Hotel. Time was spent in visiting the points of interest as well as swimming in the hotel pool. Since December 8 was the Feast of the Immaculate Conception, one of the main points of interest was the National Shrine of Our Lady. They also visited Mt. Vernon and the Scholasticate where the Christian Brothers are trained. Everyone dined at the famous Scholl's Colonial Cafeteria. Brother James, when asked to comment about the trip, said, "Bishop Loughlin, as usual, visited more places and had a better time than any other school which visits Washington."

## Legion of Mary Instructs In Brooklyn Apostolates

As an organization devoted to the strengthening of Catholic laity throughout the world, the Legion of Mary assists the priests of nearby parishes in teaching catechism to children who would otherwise receive no instruction.

### Apostolates in Brooklyn

The Catechists, a branch of the Legion of Mary, and the Legion, maintain apostolates in Presentation Parish, East New York, in Montserrat Parish, Brooklyn, and in several settlements in Brooklyn.

During recent years, five hundred bishops throughout the world requested the services of the Legion of Mary. The activities of the Legion are diversified. Instructors, usually laymen, teach youngsters and adults in preparation for their reception of Baptism or Confirmation; they also teach handicrafts to handicapped children and catechism to youngsters whose parishes have no facilities for religious instruction.

Loughlin's four praesidia are under the direction of Brothers Raymond, Rejean and Martin, and Mr. Wallace. The Legion of Mary is exactly what the name implies, a group of Catholic laity, banded together as soldiers of Catholicity, battling a largely non-Catholic and materialistic world for their own salvation and the spreading and strengthening of the Catholic faith. The mem-



Legion of Mary meets under direction of Brother Rejean.

bers of the Legion of Mary are "soldiers", taking as their patroness, Mary, and offering their successes for her honor.

### A Way Of Life

The Legion of Mary is not only an extra-curricular activity, it is also a way of life for the dedicated engaged in this type of work. Legion members throughout the world assist bishops in places where a shortage of priests threatens to keep those outside the Church in ignorance and where a layman can communicate with the people more easily than a priest.